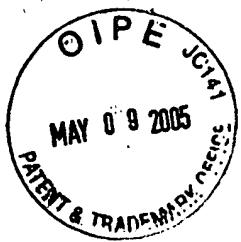


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 10, 2005. The Office set a three-month period for response, thus making this response due on or before **May 10, 2005**. Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, if a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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